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|   | Application No.   | Applicant(s)  |
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|   | 10/782,404  | CHANG ET AL.  |
| Notice of Abandonment   | Examiner  | Art Unit  |
|   | Sebastiano Passaniti  | 3711  |
| The MAILING DATE of this communication app  | ears on the cover sheet with the c                                      | orrespondence address                                       |
| This application is abandoned in view of:   |   |   |
| <ol> <li>Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office         <ul> <li>(a)  A reply was received on (with a Certificate of Note period for reply (including a total extension of time of)</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | failing or Transmission dated<br>month(s)) which expired on _           | ·   |
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| (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 (  | I Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee);                                   | mendment which places the or (3) a timely filed Request for |
| (c) A reply was received on but it does not constitutional rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See  | ute a proper reply, or a bona fide atte<br>explanation in box 7 below). | mpt at a proper reply, to the non-                          |
| (d) 🛮 No reply has been received.   |   |   |
| <ol> <li>Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-8)</li> <li>(a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was</li></ol>                        | 5).<br>s received on (with a Certific                                   | ate of Mailing or Transmission dated                        |
| (b) The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance  | e of \$ is due.   |   |
| The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$   |   | CFR 1.18(d), is \$  |
| (c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has no  |   | ·   |
| <ol> <li>Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as requ<br/>Allowability (PTO-37).</li> </ol>  | uired by, and within the three-month                                    | period set in, the Notice of                                |
| <ul> <li>(a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on</li> <li>after the expiration of the period for reply.</li> </ul>   | _ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Trar                                | nsmission dated), which is                                  |
| (b) No corrected drawings have been received.   |   | •   |
| The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the the applicants.  | e attorney or agent of record, the ass                                  | signee of the entire interest, or all of                    |
| <ol> <li>The letter of express abandonment which is signed by ar<br/>1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.</li> </ol>   | attorney or agent (acting in a repres                                   | sentative capacity under 37 CFR                             |
| <ol> <li>The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interfer<br/>of the decision has expired and there are no allowed clair</li> </ol>   | rence rendered on and because<br>ms.                                    | se the period for seeking court review                      |
| 7. 🔲 The reason(s) below:   |   |   |
| See Continuation Sheet  |   |   |
|   |   |   |
|   |   | Sebastiano Passaniti<br>Primary Examiner                    |
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Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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Item 7 - Other reasons for holding abandonment:

As of the mailing of this Notice, no amendment responsive to the last Office action, mailed 08/01/2006, has been received. The full sixmonth statutory period for response ended February 01, 2007. This application is ABANDONED.

The files of abandoned applications are pulled and forwarded to the Files Repository on a biweekly basis 1 month after the full 6-month statutory period has expired. However, the date of abandonment is after midnight of the date on which the set shortened statutory period, including any extensions under 37 CFR 1.136, expired. The applications should be carefully scrutinized by the appropriate examiner to verify that they are actually abandoned. A check should be made of files containing a decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and \*Interferences< for the presence of allowed claims to avoid their being erroneously sent to the Files Repository. Although the abandoned files are not pulled until the maximum permissible period for which an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) plus 1 month has expired, the date of the abandonment is after midnight of the date the period for reply actually expired. This is normally the end of the 3-month shortened statutory period.

The Patent Examining Corps currently mails to the correspondence address of record, a Notice of Abandonment form PTOL-1432 in all applications which become abandoned in the Corps for failure to prosecute. However, in no case will mere failure to receive a notice of abandonment affect the status of an abandoned application. This procedure should enable applicants to take appropriate and diligent action to reinstate an application inadvertently abandoned for failure to timely reply to an official communication. In most cases, a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137 will be the appropriate remedy. It may be that a reply to the Office action was mailed to the Office with a certificate of mailing declaration as a part thereof (MPEP § 512) but was not received in the Office. In this instance, adequate relief may be available by means of a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. In any instance, if action is not taken promptly after receiving the notice of abandonment, appropriate relief may not be granted. If a lack of diligent action is predicated on the contention that neither the Office action nor the notice of abandonment was received, one may presume that there is a problem with the correspondence address of record. Accordingly, attention is directed to MPEP § 402 and § 601.03 dealing with changes of address. In essence, it is imperative that a paper notifying the Office of a change of address be filed promptly in each application in which the correspondence address is to be changed (except as provided for under Customer Number practice — see MPEP § 403).

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